

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1 - 39 (cancelled)

Claim 40 (new): A method for a transmission of additional information in a communication system, comprising the steps of:

 establishing a communication context between a first user station to at least one second user station for transmitting data from the first user station to the second user station, the context allowing additional information to be transmittable from an additional information device to the second user station;

 sending query data from the additional information device to the second user station;

 receiving a response signal associated with the second user station generated in response to the query data, the response signal indicating whether the second user station is ready to receive the addition information;

 processing the response signal to determine whether the second user station is ready to receive the additional information;

 transmitting the addition information for display on the second user station based on the processing of the response signal.

Claim 41 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, the response signal from the second user station includes a clearance for the receipt of additional information during subsequent communication connections.

Claim 42 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:

 including at least one of the data and the additional information in a predefined format in a set-up signal configured for establishing the communication context; and

transmitting the set-up signal to the second user station including the at least one of the data and the additional information, wherein the predefined format permits the at least one of the data and the additional information to be represented as a data card having at least one of text and image content before the communication context is established.

Claim 43 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the transmission of additional information is based on a clearance of the second user station as a selection function for the receipt of additional information, wherein the clearance is carried out for at least one specific type of additional information to be received.

Claim 44 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, wherein the transmission of the data is dependent on a clearance of the first user station to receive additional information.

Claim 45 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:
selecting the additional information from a plurality of additional information at the additional information device depending on an identity associated with the second user station; and
transmitting the selected additional information to the second user station.

Claim 46 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:
alternately displaying the additional information and the data on the second user station;
adapting the additional information to function as a screen saver after the context has been terminated.

Claim 47 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:
sending the query data to the first user station, the query data including a plurality of additional information models;
selecting at least one of the plurality of additional information models at the first user station; and

generating a response signal associated with the first user station indicating the selected at least one additional information.

Claim 48 (new): The method as recited in claim 47, wherein at least one of the plurality of additional information models is linked to a field for entering subject information at the first user station.

Claim 49 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:
verifying whether the second user station is activated for receiving the additional information prior to sending the query data;
processing whether the second user station is activated for receiving the additional information; and
transmitting the query data based on whether the second user station is activated for receiving the additional information.

Claim 50 (new): The method as recited in claim 40, further comprising the steps of:
evaluating the response signal to determine a charge reduction data, wherein the communication context has an associated cost, and wherein the charge reduction data includes at least one of a reduced cost for the communication context and a improved communication context.

Claim 51 (new): An exchange system, comprising:
a switching unit for establishing a communication context between a first user station and at least one second user station, wherein the communication context permits the transmission of at least one of data from the first user station to the second user station and the transmission of additional information to the second user station;
an additional information device for sending query data to the second user station to determine whether the second user station is ready to receive the additional information; and

a selection circuit configured to process a response signal generated by the second user station in response to the query data

Claim 52 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 51, wherein the transmission of at least one of the data and the additional information is included in a signal for establishing the communication context to allow the at least one of the data and the additional information to be represented as a data card having at least one of text and image content before the communication context is established.

Claim 53 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 51, further comprising a comparison unit configured to process a clearance associated with the first user station and control a transmission of multimedia data from the first user station within the signal depending on the clearance associated with the first user station.

Claim 54 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 51, further comprising an additional information selection device, configured to select at least one additional information from a plurality of additional information stored in additional information memory for transmission to the second user station based on an identity associated with the second user station.

Claim 55 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 51, comprising a charging unit, configured to registers charge data associated with each user station, the charge data including charge reduction data per user station based on whether each user station is activated to receive additional information.

Claim 56 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 54, further comprising a selection circuit, configured to control a transmission of an additional transmission model selected by the first user station based on a response signal generated by the first user station in response to query data sent to the first user station.

Claim 57 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 56, wherein the selection circuit is configured to determine whether second user station is activated to receive the additional information.

Claim 58 (new): The exchange system as recited in claim 55, further comprising a subscriber memory for storing at least one of charge data and a clearance associated with a user station.

Claim 59 (new): A user station for a communication system, comprising:
an interface to transmit data via a communication network and provide a connection to at least one other user station;
a data memory storing data comprising at least one of image data, audio data, video data, and multimedia data;
a display unit for displaying data; and
a processor for processing the data to be displayed on the display unit in a form of at least one data card, wherein the processor is configured to process additional information received from the communication network and display the additional information on the display unit, and wherein the processor is configured to generate a response signal in response to query data received from a second user station, the response signal controlling a transmission of additional information from the second user station to the user station.

Claim 60 (new): The user station as recited in claim 59, further comprising a data card permission circuit configured to control at least one of a creation and a sending of the at least one data card based on whether the user station is activated to receive additional information.

Claim 61 (new): A method controlling user stations of communication systems, comprising the steps of:

receiving data, wherein receiving data includes retrieving data from a memory, the data including at least one data set containing at least one of image, audio, video, text, and multimedia data;

processing the data set for presenting it on a display, wherein the data set can be displayed as a data card;

assigning the data set to at least one stored subscriber identification;

processing additional information received from the communication system for displaying it on the display; and

sending a response signal upon reception of query data, the response signal controlling a transmission of the additional information from an information device.

Claim 62 (new): A system exchange device having a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium including a control program configured to:

establish a communication context between a first user station to at least one second user station for transmitting data from the first user station to the second user station, the context allowing additional information to be transmittable from an additional information device to the second user station;

send query data from the additional information device to the second user station;

receive a response signal associated with the second user station generated in response to the query data, the response signal indicating whether the second user station is ready to receive the additional information;

process the response signal to determine whether the second user station is ready to receive the additional information;

transmit the additional information for display on the second user station based on the processing of the response signal.

Claims 63 (new): The system as recited in claim 62, wherein the computer readable medium is part of a calculation unit.